



OBJECT ID	2013.5.116
OBJECT NAME	Coin
OBJECT COLLECTION	Pete Poulos Collection (is part of)
DATE CREATED	1954
MATERIAL	Copper; Nickel
OBJECT ENTITIES	Greece, (created by) Poulos, Pete (owned by) Poulos, Peter (is related to) II, King (is related to) Hercules, (is related to)
ACCESS POINTS	1967 coin

#### OBJECT DESCRIPTION

This is a 1 drachma coin from the year 1973. On the front side is a portrait of Greek King Constantine II. He appears in a similar fashion to U.S. presidents on American coins. His name is written in Greek letters which surround his head. Underneath his head are the numbers 1973, which represent the year that the coin was minted. The back of the coin shows a phoenix rising from ashes behind a soldier who is standing at attention with his rifle. This signifies the military coup that took place in Greece in 1967. Greek letters surround this image. Under the picture a Greek word and the numbers 1967. This signifies that the coup took place in 1967. Under this inscription is the number 1 and under that is the word "drachma" in Greek letters. The coin has a silver color. Its edge is milled and the coin is made of copper and nickel.

#### ORIGIN

The coin was minted in 1973, 5 years after the military coup that it celebrates. This military coup ended with the abolishment of the throne and the beginning of the Third Hellenic Republic. The image of the phoenix and soldier was the official symbol of the military junta that the coin celebrates.

#### CITATION

Coin, 1954, Pete Poulos Collection, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/25/24.

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